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1. For a period of one week during the summer of 1947 a large destroyer was lying beside the Zhdanov Shipyard in Leningrad. She had a short, squat funnel with a slanting hood. Her main armament consisted of 100-mm guns behind shields. Two torpedo tubes, one behind the other, were fitted forward in the ship's side so that their spoons projected. Similar spoons were also observed aft. The ship's side was vaulted-in beside the tube spoons. \*
2. Two large destroyers were on the stocks on the northeastern embankment of the fitting-out basin. The slip was of the transverseslip type. Its length was estimated at between 130 and 140 meters. The first superstructures were observed as early as February 1940. Apertures for torpedo tubes and the vaults in the ship's sides were seen.
3. Up to three destroyers were fitting out alongside the southwestern embankment of the fitting-out basin. The erection of superstructures and the installation of guns and torpedo tubes were observed. \*\*

\* [ ] Comment. The vessel is probably a destroyer of the Grommy-Class. Installation of torpedo tubes in the ship's side was reported [ ] For sketch of destroyer, see Annex.

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times three warships lying in front of the workshops in the fitting-out basin. [ ] these vessels had been built elsewhere and were completed in the Zhdanov Shipyard. The hulls arrived from a westerly or southeasterly direction. They had a short, thick funnel of oval sections, and forward and aft of it was one twin-mount each, which were behind protective shields and open at their backs. The caliber was estimated at no more than 200 mm. However, this seems to be considerably overestimated. Multi-barrelled light guns were installed on the superstructures of these vessels. Single torpedo tubes, in midship-line arrangement, were observed. Late in the summer of 1947, such a vessel had been completed. She proceeded to sea for trial runs and returned after three or four days. Sub-

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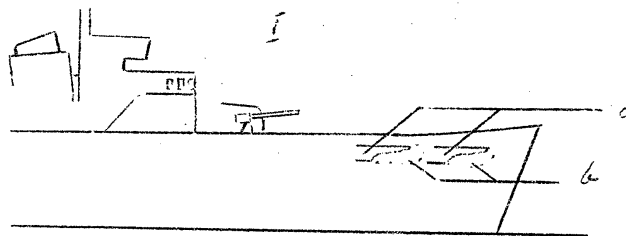
sequently, she remained in the shipyard, and every week a new ship's company was embarked and relieved after a week.

Annex: Sketch of Destroyer at Zhdanov Shipyard

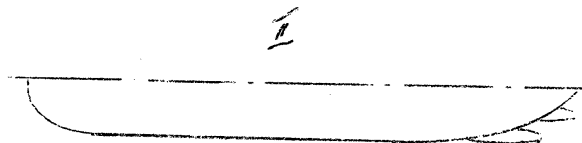
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Soviet Destroyer at the Zhdanov Shipyard in Leningrad



Sketch I : Side view of Forward end of the vessel with the projecting torpedo-tube spoons "a". Beside the spoons the ship's side is vaulted in within the area marked by the dotted lines "b".



Sketch II : A diagrammatic top view of the torpedo tubes.

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